

Excerpt from “**Why Lesbians Should Care about Bi Women's Health**” by Amy Andre

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Maria Lopez\*, a lesbian doctor, was in a seemingly healthy relationship with her lesbian girlfriend. One day, when she casually made a comment about an attractive man she saw, the veil was lifted on the stability of her relationship.

“[My girlfriend] became enraged, and we fought for hours,” Lopez recalls. Her girlfriend insisted that any acknowledgement that a man was attractive meant Lopez must be lying about being a lesbian – and must be bisexual. Turns out, her girlfriend wasn't fond of bisexual people. Despite Lopez's insistence that she could both be a lesbian and see beauty in a man, the emotionally violent fight escalated, and the relationship ultimately ended.

“I experienced biphobia, and I'm not even bisexual,” Lopez exclaims. From that day on, she became more aware of the stigma and violence that bisexual women face every day. ...

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